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Via ECFS:

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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Office of Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Room TW-A325
Washington, DC 20554

FCC Mail Room

Re: WC Docket No. 14-58, 10-90 & 11-42 Annual §54.313/54.422 Report of High-Cost and Low Income Recipient, Form 481

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Enclosed herein is the annual report for The Ponderosa Telephone Co., Study Area Code 542332 pursuant to §54.313/54.422 of the Commission's rules.

Please treat certain sections of this filing as confidential – Subject to Protective Order in WC Docket Nos. 10-90, 07-135, 05-337, 03-109, 14-58, CC Docket Nos. 01-92, 96-45, GN Docket No. 09-51, WT Docket No. 10-208, before the Federal Communications Commission.

Please contact Dan Douglas with any questions at:

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Email: dand@ponderosatel.com

Sincerely,

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Chairman

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**FCC Form 481 - Carrier Annual Reporting
Data Collection Form**

 FCC Form 481
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<039> Contact Email Address: Email of the person identified in data line <030>	dand@ponderosatel.com	

ANNUAL REPORTING FOR ALL CARRIERS	54.313	54.422
	Completion Required	Completion Required

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<300> Unfulfilled Service Requests (voice)	4 542332ca310.pdf	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<310> Detail on Attempts (voice)	(attach descriptive document)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<320> Unfulfilled Service Requests (broadband)	1 542332ca320.pdf	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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<700> Company Price Offerings (voice)	(complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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<800> Operating Companies and Affiliates	(complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<900> Tribal Land Offerings (Y/N)?	(if yes, complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<1000> Voice Services Rate Comparability Certification	Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<1010> 542332ca1010.pdf	(attach descriptive document)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<1100> Certify whether terrestrial backhaul options exist (Yes or No)	(if not, check to indicate certification)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<1110>	(complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<1200> Terms and Condition for Lifeline Customers	(complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Price Cap Carriers, Proceed to Price Cap Additional Documentation Worksheet

<2000> Including Rate-of-Return Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers	(check to indicate certification)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<2005>	(complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Rate of Return Carriers, Proceed to ROR Additional Documentation Worksheet

<3000>	(check to indicate certification)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<3005>	(complete attached worksheet)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**(100) Service Quality Improvement Reporting
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<035>	Contact Telephone Number - Number of person identified in data line <030>	5598686395 ext.
<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	dand@ponderosatel.com
<110>	Has your company received its ETC certification from the FCC?	(yes / no) <input type="radio"/> <input checked="" type="radio"/>
<111>	If your answer to Line <110> is yes, do you have an existing §54.202(a) "5 year plan" filed with the FCC?	(yes / no) <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>

If your answer to Line <111> is yes, then you are required to file a progress report, on line <112> delineating the status of your company's existing § 54.202(a) "5 year plan" on file with the FCC, as it relates to your provision of voice telephony service.

<112> Attach Five-Year Service Quality Improvement Plan or, in subsequent years, your annual progress report filed pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(1). If your company is a CETC which only receives frozen support, your progress report is only required to address voice telephony service.

542332cal113.pdf, 542332cal112.pdf

Name of Attached Document

Please select the appropriate responses below (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 112, contains a progress report on its five-year service quality improvement plan pursuant to §54.202(a). The information shall be submitted at the wire center level or census block as appropriate.

<113> Maps detailing progress towards meeting plan targets
 <114> Report how much universal service (USF) support was received
 <115> How much (USF) was used to improve service quality and how support was used to improve service quality
 <116> How much (USF) was used to improve service coverage and how support was used to improve service coverage
 <117> How much (USF) was used to improve service capacity and how support was used to improve service capacity
 <118> Provide an explanation of network improvement targets not met in the prior calendar year.

Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes
Not Applicable

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(700) Price Offerings including Voice Rate Data
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<701> Residential Local Service Charge Effective Date
<702> Single State-wide Residential Local Service Charge

1/1/2015

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(710) Broadband Price Offerings Data Collection Form	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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(800) Operating Companies	FCC Form 481
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<810>	Reporting Carrier	The Ponderosa Telephone Co.
<811>	Holding Company	Ponderosa Communications, Inc.
<812>	Operating Company	The Ponderosa Telephone Co.

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(900) Tribal Lands Reporting
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<910> Tribal Land(s) on which ETC Serves

Table Mountain Rancheria of California,
Cold Spring Rancheria of Mono Indians,
North Fork Rancheria of Mono Indians of California,
Big Sandy Rancheria of Mono Indians


<920> Tribal Government Engagement Obligation

542332ca920.pdf

Name of Attached Document

If your company serves Tribal lands, please select (Yes, No, NA) for each these boxes to confirm the status described on the attached document(s), on line 920, demonstrates coordination with the Tribal government pursuant to § 54.313(a)(9) includes:

- <921> Needs assessment and deployment planning with a focus on Tribal community anchor institutions.
- <922> Feasibility and sustainability planning;
- <923> Marketing services in a culturally sensitive manner;
- <924> Compliance with Rights of way processes
- <925> Compliance with Land Use permitting requirements
- <926> Compliance with Facilities Siting rules
- <927> Compliance with Environmental Review processes
- <928> Compliance with Cultural Preservation review processes
- <929> Compliance with Tribal Business and Licensing requirements.

Select Yes or No or Not Applicable
Yes

Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes

(1100) No. Terrestrial Backhaul Reporting
Data Collection Form

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<1120> Please confirm whether terrestrial backhaul options exist within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(g) (Yes, No).

<1130> Please select the appropriate response (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to confirm the reporting carrier offers broadband service of at least 1 Mbps downstream and 256 kbps upstream within the supported area pursuant to § 54.313(g).

(1200) Terms and Condition for Lifeline Customers
Lifeline
Data Collection Form

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542332ca1210.pdf

<1210> Terms & Conditions of Voice Telephony Lifeline Plans

Name of Attached Document

<1220> Link to Public Website

HTTP <http://www.goponderosa.com/regulatory.html>

"Please check these boxes below to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 1210, or the website listed, on line 1220, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.422(a)(2) annual reporting for ETCs receiving low-income support, carriers must annually report:

- <1221> Information describing the terms and conditions of any voice telephony service plans offered to Lifeline subscribers, ☒
- <1222> Details on the number of minutes provided as part of the plan, ☒
- <1223> Additional charges for toll calls, and rates for each such plan. ☒

(2000) Price Cap Carrier Additional Documentation

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Including Rate-of-Return Carriers affiliated with Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers

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<039>	Contact Email Address - Email Address of person identified in data line <030>	dand@ponderosatele.com

Select the appropriate responses below (Yes, No, Not Applicable) to note compliance as a recipient of Incremental Connect America Phase I support, frozen High Cost support, High Cost support to offset access charge reductions, and Connect America Phase II support as set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(b),(c),(d),(e). The information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

Incremental Connect America Phase I reporting

- <2010> 2nd Year Certification {47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1)i}
 <2011a> 3rd Year Certification {47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1)ii}
 <2011b> Attachment {47 CFR § 54.313(b)(1)iii}

Name of Attached Document(s) Listing Required Information

Price Cap Carrier Receiving Frozen Support Certification {47 CFR § 54.312(a)}

- <2012> 2013 Frozen Support Calculation {47 CFR § 54.313(c)(1)}
 <2013> 2014 Frozen Support Calculation {47 CFR § 54.313(c)(2)}
 <2014> 2015 Frozen Support Calculation {47 CFR § 54.313(c)(3)}
 <2015> 2016 and future Frozen Support Calculation {47 CFR § 54.313(c)(4)}

Price Cap Carrier Connect America ICC Support {47 CFR § 54.313(d)}

- <2016> Certification Support Used to Build Broadband

Connect America Phase II Reporting {47 CFR § 54.313(e)}

- <2017> 3rd year Broadband Service Certification
 <2018> 5th year Broadband Service Certification
 <2019> Interim Progress Certification
 <2020> Please check the box to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 2021, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313 (e)(3)(ii), as a recipient of CAF Phase II support shall provide the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year.

- <2021> Interim Progress Community Anchor Institutions

Name of Attached Document(s) Listing Required Information

(3000) Rate Of Return Carrier Additional Documentation

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CHECK the boxes below to note compliance on its five year service quality plan (pursuant to 47 CFR § 54.202(a)) and, for privately held carriers, ensuring compliance with the financial reporting requirements set forth in 47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2). I further certify that the information reported on this form and in the documents attached below is accurate.

- (3010) Progress Report on 5 Year Plan
Milestone Certification (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(i))

542332ca3010.pdf

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

- (3011) Please check this box to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 3012 contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313 (f)(1)(ii), the carrier shall provide the number, names, and addresses of community anchor institutions to which began providing access to broadband service in the preceding calendar year. ☒

542332ca3012.pdf

- (3012) Community Anchor Institutions (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(1)(iii))

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

- (3013) Is your company a Privately Held ROR Carrier (47 CFR § 54.313(f)(2))
(3014) If yes, does your company file the RUS annual report

(Yes/No) ☒
(Yes/No) ☒

Please check these boxes to confirm that the attached document(s), on line 3017, contains the required information pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2) compliance requires:

- (3015) Electronic copy of their annual RUS reports (Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers) ☒
(3016) Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows ☒

- (3017) If the response is yes on line 3014, attach your company's RUS annual report and all required documentation

542332ca3017.pdf

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

- (3018) If the response is no on line 3014, is your company audited?

(Yes/No) ☐

If the response is yes on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission, on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains

- (3019) Either a copy of their audited financial statement; or (2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications ☐
(3020) Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows ☐
(3021) Management letter and audit opinion issued by the independent certified public accountant that performed the company's financial audit ☐

If the response is no on line 3018, please check the boxes below to confirm your submission, on line 3026 pursuant to § 54.313(f)(2), contains:

- (3022) Copy of their financial statement which has been subject to review by an independent certified public accountant; or 2) a financial report in a format comparable to RUS Operating Report for Telecommunications Borrowers, ☐
(3023) Underlying information subjected to a review by an independent certified public accountant ☐
(3024) Underlying information subjected to an officer certification. ☐
(3025) Document(s) for Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Statement of Cash Flows ☐

- (3026) Attach the worksheet listing required information

Name of Attached Document Listing Required Information

(3000) Rate Of Return Carrier/Additional Documentation (Continued)

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Financial Data Summary

(3027) Revenue

23063482

(3028) Operating Expenses

16794812

(3029) Net Income

3888171

(3030) Telephone Plant In Service(TPIS)

122656950

(3031) Total Assets

64555846

(3032) Total Debt

19431289

(3033) Total Equity

38860877

(3034) Dividends

1547563

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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF THE REPORTING CARRIER IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTING ON ITS OWN BEHALF:

Certification of Officer as to the Accuracy of the Data Reported for the Annual Reporting for CAF or LI Recipients	
I certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual reporting requirements for universal service support recipients; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported on this form and in any attachments is accurate.	
Name of Reporting Carrier: THE PONDEROSA TEL CO	
Signature of Authorized Officer: CERTIFIED ONLINE	Date 07/01/2015
Printed name of Authorized Officer: Kristann Mattes	
Title or position of Authorized Officer: President	
Telephone number of Authorized Officer: 5598686346 ext.	
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier: 542332	Filing Due Date for this form: 07/01/2015
Persons willfully making false statements on this form can be punished by fine or forfeiture under the Communications Act of 1934, 47 U.S.C. §§ 502, 503(b), or fine or imprisonment under Title 18 of the United States Code, 18 U.S.C. § 1001.	

Certification - Agent / Carrier Data Collection Form	FCC Form 481 OMB Control No. 3060-0986/OMB Control No. 3060-0819 July 2013
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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REPORTING CARRIER, IF AN AGENT IS FILING ANNUAL REPORTS ON THE CARRIER'S BEHALF:

Certification of Officer to Authorize an Agent to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier	
I certify that (Name of Agent) _____ is authorized to submit the information reported on behalf of the reporting carrier. I also certify that I am an officer of the reporting carrier; my responsibilities include ensuring the accuracy of the annual data reporting requirements provided to the authorized agent; and, to the best of my knowledge, the reports and data provided to the authorized agent is accurate.	
Name of Authorized Agent: _____	
Name of Reporting Carrier: _____	
Signature of Authorized Officer: _____	Date: _____
Printed name of Authorized Officer: _____	
Title or position of Authorized Officer: _____	
Telephone number of Authorized Officer: ext. _____	
Study Area Code of Reporting Carrier: _____	Filing Due Date for this form: _____
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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE AUTHORIZED AGENT:

Certification of Agent Authorized to File Annual Reports for CAF or LI Recipients on Behalf of Reporting Carrier	
I, as agent for the reporting carrier, certify that I am authorized to submit the annual reports for universal service support recipients on behalf of the reporting carrier; I have provided the data reported herein based on data provided by the reporting carrier; and, to the best of my knowledge, the information reported herein is accurate.	
Name of Reporting Carrier: _____	
Name of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: _____	
Signature of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: _____	Date: _____
Printed name of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: _____	
Title or position of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: _____	
Telephone number of Authorized Agent or Employee of Agent: ext. _____	
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<702>	Single State-wide Residential Local Service Charge	

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The Ponderosa Telephone Co.

2015

PROGRESS REPORT ON SERVICE QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PLAN

This document is an integral part of the Company's 2015 Annual Report, as attached to Form 481. The Ponderosa Telephone Co. ("Ponderosa") submits its Progress Report on Service Quality Improvement in compliance with §54.313(a)(1).

Ponderosa understands that the environment in which it operates is dynamic, not static. As a result, certain network targets identified in its initial 5 Year Service Quality Improvement Plan filed in 2014, may be modified in response to regulatory requirements that have been subsequently adopted, the Company's financial viability in providing the required services and service quality, changes in technology, customer demand, or emergency related contingencies.

If targets are not met or have changed since the initial 5 Year Plan filing they will be identified and an explanation will be provided.

UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT RECEIVED IN 2015

Per the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC), as available for the period up to this filing, Ponderosa received a total of \$5,482,198 in USF support funds in 2015. The breakdown of the funding to the point of filing is:

- \$3,394,870 High Cost Loop Support
- \$71,304 Connect America Fund-Intercarrier Compensation Support
- \$2,016,024 Interstate Common Line Support

Universal Service Support funds are used to: 1) maintain, upgrade, and improve the Company's network and, 2) cover operating expenses and debt commitments as necessary to permit it to offer a high level of service for both voice and broadband within the authorized serving area.

USF support will continue to be included in the Company's current revenue accounts and forward-looking projections. Revenues, in the aggregate, are used for both capital expenditures as well as to cover operating expenses and fixed costs incurred to obtain capital from lenders. The Company does not segregate USF separately for purposes of capital and operating expenditures; USF is expended in the same proportion as its contribution is to the Company's aggregated revenue amount.

The proportionate share of USF expenditures in 2015 to date is estimated for CAPEX to be \$1,644,659 (30%); and for OPEX to be \$3,837,539 (70%).

The projects listed in the following 2015 Progress Report are specific to those identified in Ponderosa's 5 Year Service Quality Improvement Plan designed for network improvements involving service quality, coverage and/or capacity as integrated improvement projects and the improvements are not mutually exclusive from one another. In addition to the projects identified in the 5 Year Plan, other expenditures have been made during this period for capital improvements necessary for Ponderosa to continue to meet its ongoing regulatory and customer requirements. All USF funds received were used in accordance with federal rules and regulations towards improving service quality, service coverage, and/or service capacity. In terms of cost, when projects provide multiple benefits, each is of equal dollar equivalence. Where a project involves a single benefit, it is so noted.

PROGRESS REPORT

Maps by wire center detailing Ponderosa's progress towards meeting its 2015 Service Quality Improvement Plan are included as part of this filing. Wire center maps are not provided if there is no progress to report at this point in 2015. The following provides additional information on the progress by wire center:

Friant Wire Center:

Total 5 Year Plan Project Investment to Date: \$597,156

Fiber Investment - \$316,743

Of the six fiber backhaul projects one project is in construction, three projects have a completed design and are awaiting USFS permit approval to begin construction, and two projects are in the design development stage. The FTTH project design is complete and is pending final right-of-way approval.

The fiber job in construction includes 8.9 Kft of fiber serving 178 square miles and a population of 2262 and will provide improved service quality and increased capacity. This project will also be part of a protection ring providing additional reliability.

Broadband Aggregations Investment - \$637

This project to replace end-of-life routers is in the design phase of engineering.

Microwave Radio Backhaul - \$13,566

The design for the project to replace end-of-life microwave radios is in progress awaiting final tower construction and coordination with the tower owners.

Upgrade Existing DLCs - \$245,639

One DLC upgrade project has been completed, one project is in construction, and four projects are in the design phase.

The DLC upgrade project that has been completed (November 2014) serves 2 square miles and a population of 18 and provides improved service quality and increased capacity. The project in construction will serve 2.3 square miles and a population of 162 and will provide improved service quality and increased capacity.

Install New BLC Sites - \$20,571

The two new BLC sites are in construction. These new sites will serve 9 square miles and a population of 99 and will provide improved service quality and increased capacity.

Cima Wire Center:

No 5 Year Plan projects were planned in 2015.

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